

Date: May 2, 2022

From: Ecology SWRO Water Quality Team

To: Watershed Stakeholders

Subject: SWRO Call for Water Quality Improvement Projects

Dear Water Quality Partners,

Ecology is seeking project ideas that will reduce nonpoint source (NPS) pollution in Washington's lakes, rivers, streams, and marine waters. Funding for projects selected through the competitive ranking process will be provided by the [Water Quality Combined \(WQC\) Program Funds](#) (Fiscal Year 2024). Early coordination with Ecology is highly encouraged and may help applicants develop better project ideas and more competitive applications.

Project Development and Application Process

Ecology's Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) has a two-phase application process for water quality improvement projects.

1. **Notice of Intent** - Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) by June 15, 2022 (see attached template). Submitting a NOI is voluntary, but is a great first step to notify Ecology of the intent to prepare an application. Applicants may withdraw their NOI at any time and are not obligated to submit an application.
2. **Application** - Submit a complete funding application in [Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans \(EAGL\) database](#) by October 12, 2022. Funding decisions are expected by July 1, 2023.

Who can apply for funding?

- Public entities, including: counties, cities, and towns; water and sewer districts; port districts; conservation districts; irrigation districts; school districts; federally recognized tribes; and Washington State institutions of higher education if the project is not included in the institution's statutory responsibilities.
- Nonprofit organizations (eligible for Section 319 funds only).

Funding Cycle Schedule

1. [Submit a Notice of Intent](#) to Ecology SWRO by Monday, June 15, 2022.
Ecology will provide written feedback on project proposals in July 2022.
2. Attend an Applicant Workshop in August 2022 (Figure 1).
3. Submit application in EAGL by 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 12, 2022.

Project Development Resources

In an effort to help applicants develop better project ideas and more competitive applications, Ecology SWRO has compiled a suite of resources that are available online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ECY-SWRO-WQGrants> [PDF].

Table 1: SWRO Nonpoint Team Members

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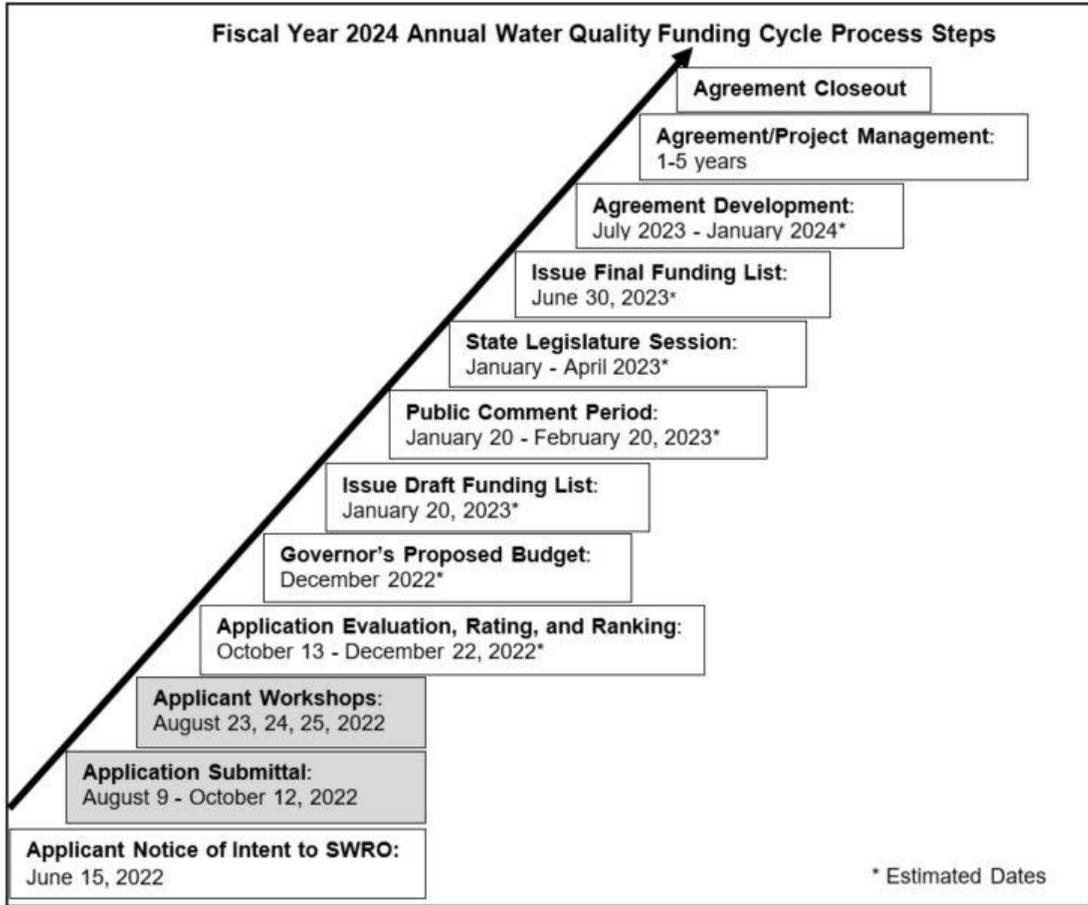


Figure 1: The SFY24 Funding Cycle